



## **DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Proposed Methodology for the 2022 Delaware River and Bay Water Quality Assessment Report**

**AGENCY:** Delaware River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed methodology.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the methodology proposed to be used in the 2022 Delaware River and Bay Water Quality Assessment Report is available for review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments on the assessment methodology or recommendations for the consideration of data sets should be submitted in writing before 5:00 p.m. Eastern on February 18, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments will be accepted *via* email to [john.yagecic@drbc.gov](mailto:john.yagecic@drbc.gov), with “Water Quality Assessment 2022” as the subject line; *via* U.S. Mail to DRBC, Attn: Water Quality Assessment 2022, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360; *via* private carrier to DRBC, Attn: Water Quality Assessment 2022, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360; by hand to the latter address; or *via* fax to 609-883-9522. All submissions should include the phrase “Water Quality Assessment 2022” in the subject line and should contain the name, address (street address optional) and affiliation, if any, of the commenter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jacob Bransky, Aquatic Biologist, [jacob.bransky@drbc.gov](mailto:jacob.bransky@drbc.gov), 609-883-9500, ext. 271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Delaware River Basin Commission (“DRBC” or “Commission”) is a Federal-interstate compact agency that was created in 1961 by concurrent legislation of the States of Delaware, New Jersey, and New York, the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania and the United States Government for purpose of jointly managing the water resources of the Delaware River Basin.

DRBC currently is compiling data for the *2022 Delaware River and Bay Water Quality Assessment Report* (“2022 Assessment”) required by the federal Clean Water Act (“CWA”). The 2022 Assessment will present the extent to which waters of the Delaware River and Bay are attaining designated uses in accordance with Section 305(b) of the CWA and the Commission’s Water Quality Regulations, 18 CFR part 410, and will identify impaired waters, which consist of waters in which surface water quality standards are not being met.

The proposed assessment methodology to be used in the 2022 Assessment is available for review at the following URL:

[https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WQAssessmentReport2022\\_MethodologyDRAFTnov2021.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/WQAssessmentReport2022_MethodologyDRAFTnov2021.pdf)

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